GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF POLICY OF CAPTIVE COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government propose to review the current policy of providing captive coal mining licences;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives for giving such a licence;

(c) the rote of public-private partnership in the process; and

(d) the details of such licences given in Tamil Nadu, district-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO):

(a) to (c) The Coa! Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, as amended from time to time, allows captive mining of coal by Indian companies for use in power generation, iron and steel manufacture and cement production as an end-use. No change is proposed in the said policy. With the increase in production of coal from the captive mining blocks given to companies in the private and the public sector, the gap between the demand and supply would reduce. It has been decided by the Government to give priority to the power and steel sectors in allocation of coal blocks.

(d) No coal blocks have been allocated for captive mining in the State of Tamil Nadu so far.